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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Room TW-B204  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service  
CC Docket No. 96-45**

Dear Madam Secretary:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, we hereby provide you with notice of an oral *ex parte* presentation in connection with the above-captioned proceeding.

On Friday, February 4, 2005, undersigned counsel and Steven Chernoff, on behalf of the Alliance of Rural CMRS Carriers ("ARC"), met with Jeffrey Carlisle, Lisa Gelb, Jeremy Marcus, Narda Jones in the Wireline Competition Bureau, to discuss the Commission's upcoming action in the above-referenced docket.

We reiterated the positions ARC has taken in its comments, and also discussed the need to address soon problems that all carriers are having with service area redefinition and disaggregation. No written materials were provided at the meeting.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact undersigned counsel directly.

Sincerely,



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